- (d) Applicants whose income is not more than 100 percent of the poverty line shall be given special consideration for enrollment.
- (e) Once enrolled, a Foster Grandparent shall remain eligible to serve and to receive a stipend so long as his or her income, does not exceed the applicable income eligibility guideline by 20 percent.

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§ 2552.43 What is considered income for determining volunteer eligibility?

- (a) For determining eligibility, ''income'' refers to total cash and in-kind receipts before taxes from all sources including:
- (1) Money, wages, and salaries before any deduction, but not including food or rent in lieu of wages;
- (2) Receipts from self-employment or from a farm or business after deductions for business or farm expenses;
- (3) Regular payments for public assistance, Social Security, Unemployment or Workers Compensation, strike benefits, training stipends, alimony, child support, and military family allotments, or other regular support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household;
- (4) Government employee pensions, private pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments; and
- (5) Income from dividends, interest, net rents, royalties, or income from estates and trusts.
- (b) For eligibility purposes, income does not refer to the following money receipts:
- (1) Any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, sale of property, house or car, tax refunds, gifts, onetime insurance payments or compensation from injury.
- (2) Non-cash income, such as the bonus value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms and the imputed value of rent from owner-occupied farm or non-farm housing.

§ 2552.44 Is a Foster Grandparent a federal employee, an employee of the sponsor or of the volunteer station?

Foster Grandparents are volunteers, and are not employees of the sponsor, the volunteer station, the Corporation, or the Federal Government.

§ 2552.45 What cost reimbursements are provided to Foster Grand-parents?

Cost reimbursements include:

- (a) Stipend. Foster Grandparents who are income eligible will receive a stipend in an amount determined by the Corporation and payable in regular installments, to enable them to serve without cost to themselves. The stipend is paid for the time Foster Grandparents spend with their assigned children, for earned leave, and for attendance at official project events.
- (b) *Insurance*. A Foster Grandparent is provided with the Corporation-specified minimum levels of insurance as follows:
- (1) Accident insurance. Accident insurance covers Foster Grandparents for personal injury during travel between their homes and places of assignment, during their volunteer service, during meal periods while serving as a volunteer, and while attending project-sponsored activities. Protection shall be provided against claims in excess of any benefits or services for medical care or treatment available to the volunteer from other sources.
- (2) Personal liability insurance. Protection is provided against claims in excess of protection provided by other insurance. It does not include professional liability coverage.
- (3) Excess automobile liability insurance. (i) For Foster Grandparents who drive in connection with their service, protection is provided against claims in excess of the greater of either:
- (A) Liability insurance volunteers carry on their own automobiles; or
- (B) The limits of applicable state financial responsibility law, or in its absence, levels of protection to be determined by the Corporation for each person, each accident, and for property damage.